

APPROVED

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Friday, April 4, 2003

**Department of Health Professions
6603 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230-1712
Conference Room 1**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Regulations for General Supervision before the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:04 a.m.
- PRESIDING:** Gary E. Taylor, D.D.S., President
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trudy Levitin, R.D.H., Vice-President
James D. Watkins, D.D.S. Secretary-Treasurer
Nora M. French, D.M.D.
Michael J. Link, D.D.S.
Gopal S. Pal, D.D.S.
Harold S. Seigel, D.D.S.
Deborah Southall, R.D.H.
James D. Watkins, D.D.S.
Robert Winters, Esquire
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Darryl Lefcoe, D.D.S.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
JeAnne Marshall, Administrative Assistant
- COUNSEL PRESENT:** Howard Casway, Assistant Attorney General
- QUORUM:** With nine members of the Board present, a quorum was established.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Two individuals signed up to speak:
- Jill Hanken, staff attorney with the Virginia Poverty Law Center, proposed that the limit of 2 hygienists per dentist in private practice be removed.
 - Misty Sissom, president of the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association advised that VDHA concurs with the DPB analysis that the current ratio of hygienists to dentist is arbitrary. She indicated that a ratio may be needed but the number of hygienists allowed per dentist should be increased.
- Dr. Taylor asked if anyone else in the audience wished to address the Board on these regulations. No one rose to

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speak.

Dr. Taylor thanked the speakers and advised that written comment would be accepted through April 25, 2003.

With all business concluded, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Gary E. Taylor, President

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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